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LATE THIS PM, MISSION OFFICER MET WITH [ROS (ARGENTINA)] AT LATTER'S REQUEST. [ROS,] WHO HAS BEEN CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND MISSION OFFICER FOR MANY YEARS, APPEARED UNUSUALLY WORRIED AND SERIOUS.

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[ROS] SAID HE UNDERSTOOD DISMANTLING AND DESTRUCTION MISSILE BASES PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. WHILE HE EXTREMELY GRATIFIED THIS DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID, QUESTION NOW AROSE WHAT DO NEXT.

[ROS] SAID HE WISHED BE WHOLLY FRANK. MOST LA DELS, HE SAID, WERE DEEPLY CONCERNED BY NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN, SPECIFICALLY RE ANY GUARANTEES US MIGHT GIVE CUBANS ON NON-AGGRESSION. IN FIRST PLACE, US WHICH ADHERES TO CHARTER, WOULD LOOK "ABSURD" ANNOUNCING IN UN IT WOULD NOT COMMIT AGGRESSION AGAINST CUBA. MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, WAS FACT ANY SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN UN WOULD CARRY WITH IT IMPLIED UN PROTECTION FOR CASTRO WHICH CASTRO IN TURN COULD USE TO PERPETUATE HIS EXISTENCE.

[ROS] SAID LAS HERE, WHILE NOT IN SLIGHTEST WAY DEPRECIATING IMPORTANCE REMOVAL MISSILES, FEARED US SO PREOCCUPIED BY THIS ASPECT PROBLEM THAT IT "MIGHT FORGET" REAL PROBLEM STILL. AHEAD, NAMELY REMOVAL CASTRO. TO SUCCEED IN REMOVAL MISSILES WHILE "FORGETTING" REMOVE CASTRO AS WELL WOULD BE CASE OF WINNING BATTLE WHILE LOSING WAR, HE SAID.

[ROS] SAID MANY SO-CALLED NEUTRALISTS WERE PUSHING AFRICANS HARD

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TO ACCEPT THEORY THAT NOW THAT US HAD WON GREAT VICTORY IN FORCING SOVS HAND, CASTRO SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE BY US THROUGH US GUARANTEES FOR CUBAN SOVEREIGNTY. [ROS] ALARMED BY SUCCESS b7d THIS "OBVIOUSLY SOV-INSPIRED" PLOT WAS HAVING IN UN. NEUTRALISTS HE SAID, WERE USING DESCRIPTIVE PHRASES SUCH AS "FINLANDIZATION OF CUBA" AND "TITO OF CARIBBEAN".

(THIS INCIDENTALLY CONFIRMED EARLIER IN DAY BY [PLIHON (FRANCE)] b7d WHO TOLD SAME MISSION OFFICER THAT VACUUM BEING CREATED IN WAKE REMOVAL MISSILES. NO ONE SEEMED TO KNOW, [PLIHON] b7d SAID, WHAT US PLANNED DO NEXT. WAS OUR PURPOSE SIMPLY REMOVAL OF MISSILES OR WAS OUR REAL OBJECTIVE REMOVAL CASTRO, HE ASKED. IN ABSENCE ANY CLEAR INDICATION, SOVS AND NEUTRALISTS WERE WORKING HARD FILL VACUUM WITH CONCEPT CASTRO SHOULD NOW BE ASSURED US WOULD KEEP HANDS OFF. [PLIHON] NOTED THIS b7d CONCEPT RECEIVING SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION PARTICULARLY ON PART UAM. MISSION OFFICER NOTED IF US HOPED ACHIEVE REMOVAL CASTRO IT CERTAINLY WOULD NOT ANNOUNCE IT PUBLICLY. [PLIHON] b7d AGREED BUT CONTINUED URGE WE FIND SOME LINE TO TAKE WHICH WOULD FILL VACUUM AND THEREBY NOT ALLOW SOVS FREE SAILING.)

[ROS] SAID CASTRO CUBA HAD BEEN FOUND "INCOMPATIBLE" WITH INTER- b7d AMERICAN SYSTEM. FACT MISSILES WHICH HAD NO RIGHT BE THERE IN FIRST PLACE WERE NOW BEING REMOVED IN NO WAY ALTERED COMPLEXION. CASTRO CUBA STILL COMMUNIST AND THEREFORE STILL INCOMPATIBLE, HE SAID.

WESTERN HEMISPHERE COULD NOT TOLERATE PERPETUATION SO-CALLED SOCIALIST STATE, HE OBSERVED. IN FIRST PLACE, HE SAID, PRESENCE SUCH STATE WOULD POSE CONTINUAL THREAT TO OTHER MEMBERS WESTERN HEMISPHERE. SECONDLY, IF CASTRO NOT ELIMINATED, OTHER POTENTIAL CASTROS IN OTHER LA COUNTRIES WOULD QUICKLY SEIZE UPON FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE.

IN RESPONSE QUERY, [ROS] SAID IT IMPERATIVE US NOT COMMIT ITSELF b7d IN UN TO POSITION WHICH IN ANY WAY WOULD INHIBIT ITS FREEDOM

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ACTION FOR OBTAINING REMOVAL CASTRO.

ONCE MISSILES ACTUALLY LEAVE CUBAN SHORES, THEN US SHOULD SEEK BY EVERY MEANS STALL GIVING ASSURANCES OF ANY KIND TO CUBA, HE SAID. IN THIS REGARD, ~~[ROS]~~ NOTED, IN SPITE KHRUSHCHEV ~~614~~ ASSURANCES POST FACTO INSPECTION COULD TAKE PLACE, CASTRO SHOWS NO INCLINATION ALLOW SUCH VERIFICATION. US IN IDEAL POSITION, THEREFORE, REFUSE GIVE GUARANTEE IT WILL NOT INVADE SINCE SOVS AND CUBA HAVE FAILED FULFILL THEIR PART OF BARGAIN. SUCH COURSE OF ACTION, ~~[ROS]~~ SAID, WOULD RETURN CUBAN ~~614~~ PROBLEM TO POINT IT WAS BEFORE INTRODUCTION SOV MISSILES EXCEPT FOR ~~INGREDIENT~~ OF STRENGTHENED WESTERN HEMISPHERE POSITION WHICH HAS RESULTED FROM FORTHRIGHT ACTION OF PAST TEN DAYS.

AT CLOSE OF UN SESSION TODAY AMB SANTOS MUNOZ (ARGENTINA) APPROACHED OTHER MISSION OFFICER WITH URGENT REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT WITH AMB STEVENSON FOR WHOM HE HAD URGENT PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM HIS GOVT. ADDED ARGENTINE GOVT "EXTREMELY CONCERNED WITH CUBAN SITUATION". MISSION SEEKING ARRANGE APPOINTMENT TOMORROW.

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